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Re: Final Closure of Pad 1, USMX of Utah, Inc., Goldstrike Mine, M/053/005, Washington County, Utah

Dear Mr. Jensen:

Thank you for your latest letter, received September 5, 1996, which discussed the regrading and topsoiling work that has been completed on Pad 1 at the Goldstrike Mine. Your letter requests permission to eliminate the Pad 1 peripheral drain system in accordance with USMX's approved closure/reclamation plan. It is our understanding (following a telephone conversation with Lyle Stott of DWQ), that the function of the peripheral drain system will not be totally eliminated per se, as inferred in your letter.

The existing peripheral solution collection channels have been backfilled with a gravel drain layer prior to covering with the topsoil material. The drainage system will continue to convey fluids which may percolate through the reclaimed heap to the down gradient end of heap. The solutions will be collected in the containment/processing pond (sump). The peripheral drainage system at the lower end of the heap will not be covered with soil at this time, but remain open until final DWQ draindown water quality standards have been met for Pad 1.

With these understandings, the Division hereby accepts your request to eliminate the peripheral drain system and complete your reseeded work on Pad 1 this fall. Please contact me at (801) 538-5286 if you have any questions in this regard.

Sincerely,

D. Wayne Hedberg  
Permitting Supervisor  
Minerals Reclamation Program

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cc: Lyle Stott, DWQ  
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